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8 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
9 WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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11 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March "Women's  
12 History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have  
13 played in shaping America; and

14 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the  
15 nation's population, their achievements and contributions are  
16 underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

17 WHEREAS, only 10 percent of the people identified in  
18 a recent survey of 18 history textbooks were women; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1999, the President's Commission on the  
20 Celebration of Women in American History called for a women's  
21 history museum to be established on The National Mall in  
22 Washington, D.C.; and

23 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM),  
24 founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational  
25 institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and  
26 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and

1 integrating the heritage of women fully into this nation's  
2 history; and

3 WHEREAS, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the  
4 National Mall and in close proximity to the White House and  
5 the United States Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, the NWHM has identified federally owned  
7 property for sale near the National Mall; and

8 WHEREAS, legislation is currently pending in  
9 Congress seeking authorization for the NWHM to purchase this  
10 property at fair market value with privately raised funds; and  
11 no federal funds are being requested for the purchase of this  
12 land; and

13 WHEREAS, there are museums dedicated to flight,  
14 postage stamps, buildings, and many other important people and  
15 issues of interest but not to women, and yet, women comprise  
16 51 percent of the nation's population; and

17 WHEREAS, the NWHM will showcase the full history of  
18 women in the United States and the contributions they have  
19 made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and  
20 sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and  
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, a coalition of 43 women's organizations  
23 representing 8 million women, which includes the National  
24 Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts  
25 of the NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the  
26 National Mall, the most prominent location for museums, to be  
27 situated in the Nation's Capital; Now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, by copy of this resolution,  
3   we hereby express our support for the NWHM's efforts to secure  
4   a permanent home in the Nation's Capital for a museum that  
5   will highlight the important role women have played in shaping  
6   this great nation.

7                   RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this resolution be  
8   made available for each member of the Alabama Congressional  
9   Delegation.